

SITUATION REPORT NO. 4
INCIDENT NO. 2002-009
DATE: June 14, 2002 TIME: 1:45 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe Summer Storms – Severe thunderstorms with heavy rain, gusty winds and hail moved across North Dakota June 8-10.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: The National Weather Service (NWS) has revised forecasts upward for Red River levels. At East Grand Forks on June 14, the river is expected to crest at 36.6 feet; a level of 28 feet represents flood stage. At Oslo, a crest of 33.2 feet is anticipated on June 15; flood stage is 28 feet. The river is anticipated to crest at Drayton at 36.4 feet on June 17; flood stage is 32 feet. At Pembina, the Red River is expected to crest above its 42-foot flood stage at 45.9 feet on June 19. Emergency management officials from Pembina County report fluctuating levels at the city of Pembina due to water flow from Two Rivers entering the Red River at Hallock, MN. Current river level forecasts indicate lowland flooding will occur but major flood response initiatives should not be required.

The Pembina River has dropped to a level of seven feet at Walhalla and to 12 feet at Neche. According to officials from Icelandic State Park, Renwick Dam has stabilized and levels have decreased slightly.

Approximately seven miles west of the Grand Forks Air Base in the median between the east and west bound lanes of U.S. Highway 2, a culvert separated and the water flow created a sinkhole approximately 12 feet in diameter and 20 feet deep. At present, traffic has not been affected.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: Responders include fire departments, dispatch centers, ambulance services, law enforcement, county and city maintenance crews, water resource districts, public health, and emergency management officials.

STATE: Agencies monitoring flood conditions include the Governor's Office, State Radio Communications, North Dakota Highway Patrol, N.D. Parks and Recreation Department, State Water Commission, N.D. Department of Transportation (DOT), N.D. Civil Air Patrol and the Division of Emergency Management.

FEDERAL: Agencies monitoring conditions include the National Weather Service (NWS), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Air Force Cavalier Station.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: Grand Forks officials contacted the Roseau, MN, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and offered pumps; sand bag machines; sandbags; fire, police, and public works personnel; and technical assistance. As of June 12, Roseau officials had requested waders and boots. The Grand Forks Fire Department dispatched two individuals to transport 50 pairs of waders to the scene. In addition, follow-up teams comprised of staff from the health department, public works, engineering, and water treatment are being organized to assist recovery efforts. Residential pumps and cleaning equipment will be supplied to assist individual clean up efforts.

Latest reports from the American Red Cross (ARC) indicate six cases were opened in the City of Grand Forks, two in Fargo, and one in Nelson County. The Grand Forks chapter sent 50 cots and blankets for use in shelters established for Roseau residents.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: In response to a NWS forecast of a 36.6 foot crest on the Red River, Grand Forks officials closed seven storm drains; three are equipped with pumps.
7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No assistance is needed at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: Utility crews are repairing damaged infrastructure.
9. OTHER: Appropriate state, local and private entity emergency operations plans and procedures have been implemented.

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